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SUBJECT: 1) LETTER FROM EPA ADMINISTRATOR TO STATE
SECRETARY HARTKOPF; 2) JUNE VISIT OF EPA DEPUTY ASSISTANT
ADMINISTRATOR FOR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING LETTER ASAP TO STATE
SECRETARY GUENTER HARTKOPF.

2. "DEAR GUENTER: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR KINDNESS
IN ARRANGING SUCH A FULL AND USEFUL DAY FOR ME IN BONN ON
MARCH 16. THE DISCUSSIONS WERE VERY PRODUCTIVE, AND CON-
TRIBUTED GREATLY TO US-GERMAN UNDERSTANDING AND CONTACT ON
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. PERSONALLY, I WAS PARTICULARLY
HONORED TO RECEIVE THE SPECIAL ENVIRONMENTAL INSIGNIA,
WHICH I WILL WEAR WITH PRIDE ON JUNE 5 AND OTHER SIGNIFI-
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CANT OCCASIONS.

OUR TALKS AND THOSE WHICH I HAD THE NEXT DAY IN GENEVA
HELPED MY UNDERSTANDING OF THE VARIOUS ROLES WHICH MIGHT BE
PLAYED BY SOME COUNTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS. AT OUR LUNCH
ON MONDAY, APRIL 10, WE CAN COMPARE NOTES AND POSITIONS
PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE FORMAL SESSIONS THE FOLLOWING

DAY.

ONE SUBJECT THAT I HAD PLANNED TO COVER IN SOMEWHAT MORE
DETAIL IN BONN IS THAT OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT. MY
DEPUTY ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR SOLID WASTE, STEFFAN
PLEHN, PROPOSES TO VISIT GERMANY THE WEEK OF JUNE 19 FOR
DISCUSSIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING ITINERARY:

JUNE 19: BERLIN, MEETING WITH COUNTERPARTS IN THE
UMWELTBUNDESAMT

JUNE 20: NO OFFICIAL MEETINGS

JUNE 21 VISIT TO SOLID WASTE DEMONSTRATION PLANT NEAR
FRANKFURT USING THE TORRAX PYROLYSIS TECHNIQUE. EPA IS
CONSIDERING A CONTRIBUTION TO THE FUNDING OF THIS
DEMONSTRATION PLANT.

JUNE 22: BONN, A FEW HOURS IN THE AFTERNOON TO MEET WITH
THE US EMBASSY AND GERMAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS
US-GERMAN COOPERATION ON SOLID WASTE.

JUNE 23: DUSSELDORF, VISIT TO KREFELD "CO-DISPOSAL"
FACILITY AT WHICH SEWAGE SLUDGE AND MUNICIPAL WASTES ARE
TREATED TOGETHER.

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I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THE PLEASURE OF SEEING YOU IN
STOCKHOLM AND AGAIN IN WASHINGTON IN JUNE. WITH ALL BEST
WISHES, SINCERELY, DOUG." VANCE

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